

Senate Study Bill 1221 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BROWN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the maximum gross weight allowed for
2 commercial motor vehicles operating on noninterstate
3 highways.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.463, subsection 6, paragraph c,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) The maximum gross weight allowed to be carried on a
4 commercial motor vehicle on noninterstate highways, provided
5 the vehicle is operated by a person with a commercial driver's
6 license valid for the vehicle operated unless [section 321.176A](#)
7 applies, is as follows:

8	NONINTERSTATE HIGHWAYS			
9	MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT TABLE			
10	COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE			
11	Distance in feet	<u>5 Axles</u>	6 Axles	7 Axles
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13	44		80,500	80,500
14	45		81,000	81,500
15	46		81,500	82,500
16	47		82,000	83,500
17	48		83,000	84,000
18	49		83,500	85,000
19	50		84,000	86,000
20	51		84,500	87,000
21	52	<u>80,500</u>	85,000	88,000
22	53	<u>81,000</u>	86,000	88,500
23	54	<u>82,000</u>	86,500	89,500
24	55	<u>82,500</u>	87,000	90,500
25	56	<u>83,000</u>	87,500	91,500
26	57	<u>83,500</u>	88,000	92,000
27	58	<u>84,500</u>	89,000	93,000
28	59	<u>85,000</u>	89,500	94,000
29	60	<u>85,500</u>	90,000	95,000
30	61	<u>86,000</u>	95,500	
31	62	<u>87,000</u>	96,000	
32	63	<u>87,500</u>		
33	64	<u>88,000</u>		
34	65	<u>88,500</u>		
35	66	<u>89,000</u>		
36	67	<u>90,000</u>		

37 Sec. 2. Section 321.463, subsection 6, paragraph c,
38 subparagraph (2), Code 2021, is amended by striking the
39 subparagraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

40 (2) When crossing a bridge, such a vehicle or combination
41 of vehicles shall comply with any weight restriction imposed
42 for the bridge pursuant to section 321.471 or 321.474, provided
43 signs that conform to the manual of uniform traffic-control
44 devices adopted by the department that give notice of the
45 restriction are posted as required under section 321.472 or
46 321.474, as applicable.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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Current law limits the maximum gross weight of a vehicle
based on the number of axles and the distance between the
axles on the vehicle. Generally, vehicles with five axles are
allowed to have a maximum gross weight up to 80,000 pounds.
This bill incrementally increases the allowable maximum gross
weight up to 90,000 pounds for commercial motor vehicles with
five axles that are operating on noninterstate highways, based
on the distance measured between the centers of the extreme
axles of any group of axles.

The bill requires such a vehicle to comply with any weight
restriction imposed when crossing a bridge, provided proper
signs are posted giving notice of the restriction.

A vehicle that exceeds the allowable weight based on its
number of axles and the distance between the axles is subject
to a scheduled fine. The scheduled fine ranges from \$12 to
\$2,200 plus 10 cents per pound in excess of 20,000 pounds over
the limit.

A vehicle to which the bill applies would still be required
to comply with any applicable length restriction set forth in
Code section 321.457.